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EDITORIAL COMMENT.

State Prohibition.—Very many people had hoped that the General Assembly of North Carolina, now in extraordinary session, would pass a state prohibition act out and out and so end the present agitation for that measure. The members, however, were unwilling to assume that responsibility and so have sent the measure back to the people. That means that we are to have a campaign for prohibition in this good commonwealth and that the people are to say whether there shall be saloons, distilleries and dispensaries in a few localities, or whether the whole business shall be wiped out. The election is to be the first Thursday in August and the rules and qualifications governing same are to be those applying to elections of state officers in November.

Possibly this, while more costly, tedious and excitable, is the wiser course. It gives the people a chance to settle their own question in their own way at the ballot box.

Of course the saloon element will naturally drag into the fight all the unenviable methods and unholy weapons they can employ. We have no doubt they will try to make it a party measure, and to array friends and factions against each other.

But all this is to be expected. It is not a party measure. It comes in August, three months before the general election. Some of the most eminent men in the state, democratic and republican, are in favor of the issue now and are ready to enter the fight in behalf of the measure. There seems now but little doubt that it will carry by a large majority; but what the saloon element will do and can do between now and the first Thursday in August is to be seen. And those who wish the saloon, distillery and dispensary wiped out, may well be on their guard—and begin even now to prepare for conflict and conquest.

Then and Now.—The question of state prohibition was voted on in North Carolina in 1881 and defeated by 116,072 votes. It was a decision before the fact that the issue would not carry then. The politicians and statesmen would have little to do with the issue save to oppose it.

That was twenty-six years ago. How wonderfully sentiment has changed since then. Now the Governor of the State is an open advocate of state prohibition; so are both our Senators, so many if not all of our Congressmen, so of Judge Pritchard of Asheville, of the United States Court, and one of the ablest men of his party in the State, so of many other state officials and other distinguished men not a few. So it comes about before the event this time also, that prohibition will sweep the state next August by an overwhelming majority.

What has brought this about? Largely the churches, religious societies and Sunday-schools. We often weary, in our annual conferences and associations, of the reports on temperance and moral reform.

We call them high-sounding, hot air, and without worth. But for twenty-six years these Temperance Reports, and Moral Reform Resolutions have been bombarding the bulwarks of sin in many forms, the saloon in particular. The weapons employed seemed harmless enough, and the frequent onslaughts seemed without avail.

But, brother, these temperance advocates and moral reformers have brought it to pass. They are about to get a hearing that will tell. We shall see on the first Thursday of next August what their speeches have come to, and what will become of their dreams. The battle of ballots is to be fought out then; and from everywhere we hear the prediction that prohibition will win by a tremendous majority.

Then and now—that is a study that will interest the student and inspire the advocate.

THE CONTEST OF CHARACTER.

Col. J. E. West of Suffolk delivered an address in the Suffolk Christian Church, Sunday, 12th inst., before the Young Folks' Union in which, from the printed reports, he talked sense, soundness and solidity. Here are some excerpts selected from quite an extended report in the Herald:

"The American home should return to the old time methods and lead in religious education, followed by the Sunday school, the Church, and the College. The home teaches by influence and instruc-

tion, by precept and example. The home should work hand in hand with the Sunday school.

I plead with parents here to put the central welfare of children ahead of their temporal wants. Drive out of your homes false conceptions of greatness and success and train your children at Christian ideals. Do not let your ambition for money, for worldly honors, and for social position cause you to neglect their spiritual training. Do not put success above character. The great fight of the future is to be a contest, not with sword, rifle and cannon, but of character, brains and capacity.

The life insurance investigations did not reveal a lack of assets claimed and affect the strength of the Companies, but these investigations showed a violation of the Commandment 'Thou shalt not steal,' a false conception of the obligation resting on persons in positions of trust and the low plane on which even our presidential campaigns are conducted. It is inconsistency of the rankest sort for a President to condemn railroads and trusts for debauching legislatures and discriminating among shippers and customers and at the same time permit his campaign managers to bleed the widows and orphans by receiving life insurance Company contributions on a large scale. The revelations in the high financial circles, and especially railroads and large corporations, show dishonesty and improper consideration for the rights of their own stockholders, much less the rights of the public. There is an absence of true Christian character.

"I want to see the time come when the sober man will be as much a hero as the reclaimed drunkard, who preaches temperance: when the man who loses his life in planting the banner of the Cross on foreign fields will be honored as much as the soldier or sailor who dies in defense of our flag; when the man who legislates and plans in our religious bodies for the spread of the Gospel and salvation of men, shall be considered as great as the man who sits in our Legislature or Congress and spends the most of his time in figuring how to save his constituents a few dollars in taxes, or whether to raise or lower the tax on whiskey and tobacco."

"Blessed are the pure in heart."

FIELD NOTES.

Dear Bro. Atkinson: I have been very busy since our conference until about 15 days since when I was taken with a very severe attack of La-grippe and have been housed in ever since; hence I have given The Sun no news for some time. I have missed two appointments on account of my sickness. During my absence from my churches two of my oldest members have passed away.

Bro. J. R. Parks of Siler City and others assisting conducted the service for me at my last appointment third Sunday and Saturday before, for which I return them my thanks. The work in my churches so far as I know is encouraging. All have ever green Sunday-schools. My work this year includes Hanks Chapel, Pine Plains, Parks Cross Roads, and New Hope, and in each of these churches we have a number of devoted members. I see no greater need in the churches of today than a thorough cleansing, and more spirituality and holiness. I find in many cases the official members of the churches are consenting to a great deal of conduct that is hindering the cause of Christ. I fear it is true that too many of us pastors are just trying to get members. We need a membership of deep spirituality to convince the world of the reality of our Lord's religion. Yes, we need a life, so consecrated to God and his service, that it will keep us out of sin. I pray that God will give us all such a hunger for righteousness that we may not be content with any thing short of being filled with the righteousness of Christ. Matt 5:6. We enjoyed a series of meetings with brother R. L. Williamson and his people at Union Grove since the conference. The meeting was confronted with several difficulties but notwithstanding it was a good meeting. The Lord bless brother W. and his people.

P. T. Klapp.

Pittsboro, N. C.

HOLLAND AND HOLY NECK.

Our aged brother, Rev. R. H. Holland, has been so faithful in writing the news from this place that we have had little occasion to write. Besides there is little church news to report in this section during the winter. Routine work, marriages, funerals and "special kindnesses" to the pastor about cover the ground. The good people of Holy Neck and Holland churches have kindly remembered us from time to time in substantial for the pantry and other valuables and we record our sincerest appreciation and gratitude for them all.

We must make special mention of a

timely Christmas present in the form of a handsome and valuable overcoat—the right thing at the right time—from the members and friends of Holland church. We don't know the individual donors but we are deeply grateful to each and every one with special thanks to the two good "sisters" whose diligence and faithfulness made the gift possible. The many friends of our venerable brother Rev. R. H. Holland, will be glad to know that his health continues good, suffering only from the loss of vital powers due to his advanced age. He preserves as a sacred treasure the many kind letters received from the brethren North and South.

N. G. Newman.

SALINAS LETTER.

It takes a week for me to make the circle that includes my work in Porto Rico. I wish to take you, dear reader, with me and let you visit for a week our preaching places. What you see and hear is what we see and hear the whole year. There has been no preparation for your visit.

It is Monday, and we must go and see a new building of concrete blocks. It is not completed, but everything is going on in perfect order, and a man who has the work in hand says. "We will soon have the building completed." It is a neat building and is called the Salinas Christian church. It makes us feel good to look at it. We seem to hear the tread of footsteps, sacred songs, and a large congregation devoutly worshiping God. Night comes on and we are at the home of Pedro Rodriguez. Everything has been arranged to hold a service in this home. Neighbors come in, songs are sung, prayer is offered and a Scripture lesson has been read and explained. Then follows an exhortation to accept Jesus as a personal Savior. The bright girl with song-book in hand, and deeply interested, is Cornelia, Pedro's daughter. They have not accepted Jesus yet, but they are concerned, and are glad for us to come and hold service. Some day Cornelia will see her father and mother accept Jesus and become members of the church.

Tuesday comes and we must go to the Playa. We will enjoy this visit, for everybody will be glad to see us, and our most faithful members live there. Two of our deacons reside there and their families are Christians. We are now at the place for service. This arbor you see was arranged by the members of the church as a place to hold Sunday-school in. The man with the little organ is Martin Alicea. He is studying to become a useful preacher. There are about a dozen Christians present, and you ob-

serve they are testifying for Christ. That old lady whom you saw near the close of the service giving her hand, has accepted Jesus as her Savior. We will baptize her probably next week in the sea. Would be glad if you could see a baptismal service in Porto Rico.

Wednesday evening is the time for our weekly prayer-meeting in Salinas. You will enjoy this, for you will have opportunity to hear many of our members talk and pray. These meetings are very helpful and afford opportunity for Bible study. We will study to-night the first chapter of James. Different parts are given to different members, and I speak on the whole chapter at the close. Here is our hall. You see at once we need better accommodations. When we move over in our new church building, we will have a Sunday-school room for children. The leader of the meeting tonight is Don Cassimire Vasquez. He is a school teacher and an excellent man. The collection we have taken goes to help defray the expenses of lighting the hall. We always take the collection, for we believe that it is a part of worship. Considering their poverty, I think they contribute liberally.

I am sure you will not be well pleased with your visit this evening (Thursday), but that there may be no break I shall take you with me. We are going to La Jangua. These fields on our right and left are very fertile, and the people in the barrio where we are going are laborers, many of them. You see I go when they come from their work so as to give them a good opportunity to hear me. There is always gambling going on here. I want you to notice the scars on the men as you pass them. Now, you can see something of the size of this barrel. I presume fully a thousand stay here. That house on the corner is a gambling den. I hope the scent of the garlic will not make you sick. The people are all eating their supper. We are going to hold a service in that shack where you see those naked children playing. I presume no family is married here. But it is time for service. With the cry, "Culto!" the little house is filled. A few benches are occupied, the floor is covered with women, and the doors are filled with dirty faces. The owner of the hut is kind enough to give us the privilege of singing and praying. He thinks he is a Christian and greets us with "hermano" (brother). All try to sing; and though the song is entirely new, an effort is made to follow their leader. Scripture is read and explained; and as we return to our homes we feel that in the name of the Master we made the visit and delivered the message.

Friday comes and with it the time for

Christian Endeavor. This is held in our hall and is restful, helpful and inspiring. We enter, and the leader appointed is already at his post. The singing is good, the theme interesting and the prayers lift us God-ward.

We will take a rest Saturday, receive letters from loved ones at home, and prepare for service on Sunday.

Sunday morning finds us in Sunday-school. A happy group awaits us to sing and spend a while in the study of the lesson. In this school are two classes, one conducted by Cassimiro Vasquez, the other taught by their missionary. The school is superintended by Jose Ten, one of the first converts in Salinas. At two o'clock in the afternoon, we are at the Playa where another happy group is engaged in Sunday-school, whose superintendent is Martin Alicea. At 7:30 p. m. we are assembling in our hall where with song, prayer, and sermon, we close the week. These are our happiest meetings, for many times we receive into fellowship members.

Salinas, P. R. T. E. White.
(In Christian Missionary.)

GATES COUNTY LETTER.

We are now snugly domiciled in the new Parsonage, and find it very convenient and comfortable. This field is indeed to be congratulated on having such a handsome home for its pastor.

By the way, let me say that there are no better people in the world than these Gates Co. brethren and sisters. Dr. Staley says the Suffolk church is the "best on earth" (to him) and I say that I have the four best on earth (to me).

On Friday before Christmas Bros. T. A. Eure and Joshua Mullen drove into our back yard with a large two-horse farm wagon loaded with what they called a "pounding", but it was measured by barrels and bushels rather than by pounds. They came representing the membership and congregation of Eure's Church and such a pounding as they did bring! It would be difficult to mention any good thing in the way of heavy and fancy groceries and home made canned fruits, pickles, preserves etc., etc., that they did not bring. Also a beautiful quilt from Mrs. Adminter Enre whose exquisite needle work cannot be surpassed. Words utterly fail to express our appreciation of such kind remembrance, and their hearty Christmas greetings and well wishes.

We have received numbers of other presents from our members at Damascus, Sarem, and Oak Grove, all of which were highly prized and to each donor we return our sincere thanks.

It is perhaps a little late to mention the handsome purse presented to me by

my Damascus congregation some time ago, with which to purchase a suit of clothes, Sister I. F. Pierce being instrumental in getting up the purse. She and all who contributed will again accept very many thanks.

So far as I know, we, pastor and people, are working harmoniously together, and it is my earnest prayer that we may strive more zealously for the upbuilding of His Kingdom on earth, and for the discharge of our every duty.

J. M. Roberts.

Sunbury, Jan. 18, 1908.

HARRISONBURG LETTER.

Perhaps Christmas news is a little stale but as I have not written to the "Sun" family since the holidays I will give a brief account of some of our Christmas entertainments.

The Bethlehem Sunday-school gave their entertainment on Christmas eve. The program consisted in songs and recitations with short talks by the superintendent and pastor. The program was well executed and entertained the large audience present. All the members of the school were remembered with presents. The pastor was the recipient of a beautiful china toilet set, presented by Bro. S. W. Lincoln in behalf of the church, the Sunday-school and the Jr. O. U. A. M. Mrs. Walters joins me in sincere thanks to all the organizations for this handsome gift. The arrangement of the decorations was unique, consisting of two trees with a throne between. This is a progressive country Sunday-school under the leadership of Bro. J. C. Bradford.

The Concord Sunday-school held their entertainment on New Year's eve. The program consisting of recitations and dialogues was well rendered. The music was furnished by a phonograph. The decorations consisted of two trees with an arch between. The pastor was remembered with an appropriate present.

I had the privilege of attending entertainments at Lacy Spring U. B. Church and Good Hope, both of which had trees and nice programs. Bro. Moore was at the latter and made a short address which was well received. At the close of the exercises, the writer had the pleasure of presenting, in behalf of Bulah Sunday-school, a teacher's Bible to Bro. J. E. W. Bryant. Bro. Bryant who is a brother of Rev. M. L. Bryant, is an earnest and faithful Sunday-school worker. After superintending his home school, New Hope, in the morning he would drive four miles away every Sunday afternoon and superintend the school at the Bulah mission point. He was signally blessed in the work and aroused the deepest interest that has ever been shown in the

work at this point. The writer has had the pleasure of being with Pastor Andes in his meeting at Linville. There has been a great out-pouring of the Holy Spirit upon the services. There have been twenty-eight conversions to date and the meeting is still in progress.

We congratulate the editor on the improvement of the Sun. It has always been worthy of a place in every home in the church and is much more so now.

W. T. Walters.

Harrisonburg, Va., Jan. 22, 1908.

CHURCH PAPERS AND TRADE JOURNALS.

Today every Profession, Trade or Business must have its Trade Journal. The Iron Age is a wonderful publication. It is a type. The Copper, the Lumber, the Grocery, the Drug, the Leather, the Tobacco, the Beer, the Wine and Spirits, with sub-divisions, each has its Journal. The Lawyers have theirs, some of them as interesting as a novel. The American Medical Association and various and almost countless other Societies, treating every specialty and being the recognized means of communication, have their recognized Organs. The Financial interests, as might be expected, without regard to brains or money, set forth their views.

Why do all these papers flourish?

Because though the Daily Press may discuss all these subjects, they cannot do so thoroughly, and, leaving out a few great papers (and a very few not great in circulation but worthy to be called great), nine tenths of what the Daily Papers say about these trades and professions is chiefly taken bodily from these trade journals, and the clipper or paragrapher is often so unfamiliar as to make egregious errors. A Denominational Religious Paper is in a certain sense a trade or professional paper.

A church without such paper is a church ignorant of itself, its doctrines, methods and achievements. Ignorance of itself can be found in large masses in every church, and it is doubtful if not the great majority of every church are grossly ignorant of the body to which they belong. But they are not among those who read the church papers. Few men in the great trades, in Commerce or Manufactures, or even in Agriculture, can achieve success without having access to one of their trade journals. Pecuniary interest compels them to read them.

Pecuniary interest will not compel people to read their Church Journals, but Religious interest, Denominational interest will compel it; unless the people are penny wise and pound foolish, and therefore keep the five cents a week which they might have to pay for their church paper. —N. Y. Christian Advocate.

NOTES AND PERSONALS.

Pastor A. W. Andes has been enjoying a great season of soul saving and spiritual blessing with his Linnville, Va., church. At last report there were some thirty conversions and the meetings still in progress.

Mr. Charles A. Hines, law student at the University of N. C. writes this good word which we appreciate: "I like the appearance and makeup of The Sun much better now, and think it will compare favorably in many ways with any religious weekly in the State."

We note that the Grand Lodge of Ancient Free and Accepted Masons, at their recent annual meeting in Raleigh, N. C., elected to the honorable position of state lecturer, Rev. J. W. Patton, of Elon College. Bro. Patton is an adept in the knowledge and work of Free Masonry and we congratulate him heartily upon the recognition and honor his fellows have conferred.

Dr. W. T. Herndon has been ill with the "grip" for two weeks but is improving now. The doctor is a hard worker and does not spare himself in behalf of the cause and work he loves. He is doing much in revival and colportage work and is being used of the Master to accomplish untold good. We sincerely trust he will be able to enter the work again in a few days.

We learn with regret and solicitude that our young friend and brother, Rev. A. T. Banks, who had to leave Elon some weeks since because of poor health is not improved much if any. He is at his sister's, Mrs. Sydney Brown's, McCullers N. C. who with other relatives and friends and the physician are doing all in their power to nurse him back to health and strength. Bro. Banks was in college preparing for the ministry and was already serving to acceptance two churches as pastor.

A series of meetings is appointed to begin at Elon College next Monday evening, Feb. 3. Rev C. H. Rowland, Franklin, Va., is to be the preacher in charge. We have not had a revival at Elon this session and there are many young men and young women here who do not claim to be Christians, and all need to be renewed in zeal for the Master's cause. We ask an interest in the prayers and devotions of the Sun readers everywhere that there may be a great work of grace at Elon College within the next two weeks. No revival ever came anywhere without prayer, and a great deal of it. We know that the parents of pupils will be much in prayer in behalf of their loved ones here. Learnings, culture, scholarship without Christ, without loy-

alty to Christ's cause, without spirituality, are dangerous and deadly. One would better be an ignoramus with Christ than a Solomon without Christ. Pray for our meetings at Elon College, that souls may be converted and that church members may be renewed.

Henry M. Flagler's sea-going railway from Miami Fla. to Knights Key has been completed so that trains are now traversing it. The road is 109 miles long and carries one within 115 miles of Havana—6 hours. Mr. Flagler is to build 47 miles more to his road coming to Key West, only 91 miles from Havana and this is to be crossed with ferry carrying the cars direct from the sea-going road. For nearly half the length of this road the foundation is the bed of the sea itself. This is a triumph of skill and courage ranking with the wonders of our rapid and strenuous age.

Our appreciation is herein expressed to Miss Cornelia Waddell Preston for an invitation to her marriage, to Mr. John Bowles at Abingdon, Va., Wed. Jan. 29. Miss Preston was the efficient and much beloved art teacher in Elon College for some years prior to the present session and is a most amiable and accomplished woman. Our best wishes are extended.

Two of our ministers who have labored long and faithfully in the Christian church, but are now no longer able to work or earn money wrote us last week that they loved The Christian Sun and had read it with deep interest for years, but would now be compelled to give it up because they had not wherewith to pay up for the past year nor subscribe again. If any brother reads this who would like to send The Sun to either of them or both another year, we are sure it will be much appreciated by these worthy brethren.

ELON COLLEGE NOTES.

During the past week two public exercises of considerable interest to the students have been given in the College Chapel. The first was given under the auspices of The Ladies Aid Society of the church by Mr. Henry Blount in which he entertained and amused those who attended with wit, humor, eloquence, and oratory until all present felt that they were doubly repaid for their attendance.

Mr. Raol Jansen, under the auspices of the Athletic Association, gave an entertainment in a dramatic and eloquent elocutionary recital, which was highly appreciated by Faculty and students. Mr. Jansen is a real artist and demonstrates the art of public speech in its several phases in such a manner as to inspire true and helpful ideals in the students' minds. I am sure that the

church and the Athletic Association both realized good results from these two exercises.

Dr. Atkinson preached an able sermon Sunday morning at 11 o'clock. The various religious organizations of the College held interesting spiritual services at the usual hours.

Prof. Newman continues to grow stronger and while his work somewhat taxes his strength after such a severe case of sickness, it is a source of pleasure to him to be again able to be in the classroom. His many anxious friends are glad to know that his work which he resumed immediately after Christmas is not retarding his physical improvement.

Miss Almas Newman had the pleasure of a visit from Miss Sallie Flowers of Lawrenceville, Va. and Miss Annie May Franklin, of South Boston, Va. last week. The many friends of these two charming young ladies were delighted to see them at the College again.

The college continues to add new students and to grow in strength, efficiency, and popularity. The President is looking well to the needs and interests of the institution and students and will welcome others who may desire to enter for the spring term. W. C. Wicker.

MONTANA.

Cowan.—The Christian Church at this place was organized more than four years ago with fifteen members, and was known as the Cottonwood Christian Church, taking its name from the creek which meanders through the valley. Recently the name was changed to Cowan, to harmonize with the post office that was established here a couple of years ago. A store is now in operation in connection with the P. O., so that the beginning of a town has been made. The growth of both the town and the church have been slow, the latter numbering only eighteen members on Jan. 1, of this year. But I am happy to report a change for the better. Heretofore the problem has been to hold a revival meeting at such time as the work or the weather will be favorable for attendance, and then to get the people to attend. When the work can be done the ranchers are too busy to go to church, on Sunday or any other day; and when the weather is too severe for work, it is too bad for them to go to church. And so a few have kept the church going, hoping a change would come, but almost in despair. Beginning Dec 29, 1907, we started a series of revival meetings, going from house to house, as the schoolhouse, our usual place of meeting is at one side of the community. It was expected that the meeting should be held one week, but the Lord not only gave us good weather,

and the work was not pressing, but also sent a wave of conviction and of salvation through the neighborhood, so that the meeting was continued for the second week. The immediate results were the accession of fourteen new members, a genuine revival in the church, so that without exception, I believe, the members got their feet "planted on higher ground," and an interest in spiritual things generally which bids fair to keep us from relapsing into the former state of lethargy and formality. I preached entire sanctification, a doctrine which I have heard spoken against so much, but which as a personal experience during the past year I can vouch for, and which as it seems to me, is the standard set in God's word. And the results of the meeting are attributable to God's blessing upon the faithful delivery of the Word. Some of the converts had been low down in sin, known as hard characters far and wide, but the Lord wonderfully saved them, and changed our neighborhood. Almost every member of every family in the immediate neighborhood is now in the church, and we shall have to reach farther out for more work of soul-saving. And that is just what we intend to do. From now on, I trust, we shall be known as a people who will make salvation our chief business. I had the help of the pastor of the Malta M. E. Church for three days, and wish to express my appreciation of his sweet-spirited labors and earnest, practical sermons. I hope the Christian Sun family will all rejoice with us over our great blessing, and will ever pray that we may be "kept through faith unto salvation."

H. G. Cowan.

Cowan, Mont., Jan. 16, 1908.

HISTORY MAKING.

What people do makes history. In keeping with this proposition January 21st 1908 will deserve the attention of the writers of North Carolina history on account of the great gathering at Raleigh on that day of the best men in the State. Representatives from nearly every county in the state were called together in special session by the governor to consider questions that have been stirring the minds of the best and ablest men in the state for many months. The question of rights against rights has been argued by earnest, intelligent, and, apparently honest advocates until the line that separates right from wrong has been obliterated or erased so far by the overlapping claims of both sides, that it is almost impossible for either party, looking from the stand point of self interest to see just where the line of justice should be drawn. One class of men is disposed to

view every question from the standpoint of morality and Christian integrity, another looks at things purely from financial, political and policy motives.

The General Assembly of North Carolina, in extra session is now wrestling with the great railroad rate question, and many of the members seem to think that question paramount to every thing else. It is admitted to be a very serious question as was manifest to every man who was in our legislative halls during the reading of the governor's message. I had the privilege of being present. Every ear seemed intent upon catching every word. The future peace and prosperity of our state seemed to vibrate in every mind and heart as the words fell upon the ears of the densely packed hall of eager listeners. The railroad friends were there; business men were there; temperance people were there; the people themselves were there. I heard more than one predict that the governor would not consider the question of state prohibition in his message, but he did in the most emphatic language, and while that part of the message was being read the heart of every veteran prohibitionist was beating with patriotic pride at the thought of having a governor over our great state who had the moral courage to lay before our law-makers such high and noble sentiments. If only the members of our General Assembly shall have the courage to enact a law giving the whole state prohibition of the monster, liquor traffic, a new era will dawn upon our fair land.

Another gathering, second in nobility of purpose, intelligence and patriotism to no body of men that ever assembled in North Carolina convened at 2 P. M. in the Hall of the Academy of Music. This was the Temperance Mass Convention called by the executive committee of the Anti-Saloon League of N. C. From every part of the state they came, paying their own way, not to antagonize rate legislation nor to interfere with anything that justice and the laws of right may demand, but to ask for the removal of the legalized liquor traffic from our beloved old North State. There were so many touching and pathetic incidents in connection with the convention that it is difficult to enumerate them so as to give them the force and beauty they deserve. Cordial greetings in the crowded trains as we were hurrying towards our state capital but presaged the spontaneous enthusiasm and harmony of the aftermath in the great convention. The Salisbury delegation, seventy strong, seemed too set the pace of the day. Bearing from their special the battle cry, "Prohibition for Salisbury" on a white ban-

ner up Fayetteville street to the capitol square and around the statue of Washington, they suspended their motto on the iron pickets inclosing the statue. A few minutes before two o'clock ranks were formed in the capitol square and the procession marched to the convention hall. The convention was called to order and several speeches were made. A great ovation was given to the editor of the News and Observer, Mr. Josephus Daniels, for the stand he has taken in favor of state prohibition. A still greater demonstration was given Gov. R. B. Glenn. For about one hour he held the vast audience, listening to one of the greatest speeches of his life. North Carolina has had many noble men who filled the chair of governor—men who have done the state noble service which will not be forgotten while the pages of her history remain, but no less honor will be given the man who today fills the responsible position of governor of our noble state for the stand he has taken in favor of prohibition and the religion of our fathers. This is making history of which coming generations will be proud—history that will commend our good state to the confidence and esteem of the entire nation. I might say, finally, that the preachers were there, and the historian will not fail to record the fact that these men, in the future as in the past, will be found ready to do their duty in helping to free the state from the reign of wrong. North Carolina needs to feel proud of her preachers as they feel proud of her.

J. W. Holt.

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COURAGE.

—There is the right sort of inspiration to courageous persistence in well-doing in this poem from "The Humbler Poets" Tired! Well, what of that? Didst fancy life was spent on beds of ease
Fluttering the rose-leaf scattered by the breeze?
Come, rouse thee! Work while it is called to-day!
Coward, arise! Go forth upon thy way! Lonely! And what of that?
Some must be lonely! 'Tis not given to all To feel a heart responsive rise and fall, To blend another life into its own.
Work may be done in loneliness. Work on.
Dark! Well, and what of that?
Didst fondly dream the sun would never set?
Don't fear to lose thy way. Take courage yet!
Learn thou to work by faith and not by sight;
Thy steps will guided be, and guided right.
Hard! Well, and what of that?
Didst fancy life one summer holiday, With lessons none to learn, and naught but play?
Go, get thee to thy task! Conquer or die! It must be learned! Learn it then patiently.
No help! Nay, it's not so;
Tho human help be far, thy God is nigh, Who feeds the ravens, hears his children cry.
He's near thee, where-so'er thy foot-steps roam,
And He will guide thee, light thee, help thee home.

—Homiletic Review.

UNITY IN ESSENTIALS.

At a large party in a London drawing-room, a Christian gentleman was approached by a man who did not sympathize with Christianity, who, with a sarcastic smile, said:

"I've been wondering how you Christians can expect us rational men to accept your doctrines, when you so ludicrously disagree among yourselves. I see here to-night English churchmen, High, Broad and Low; a Roman Catholic, a member of the Greek church, a Presbyterian, a Wesleyan, a Baptist, a Congregationalist, and Irvingite, and a Quaker. Where and what is the truth?"

"If I can obtain our host's permission to make an experiment which has come into my thought," replied the gentleman, "you shall hear what I have to say to Pilate's question."

The permission was granted, and the

gentleman, requesting silence, said to the guests:

"I appeal to you in the cause of our common Christianity, and I solemnly call upon those who believe that Jesus Christ was the Son of God and the Son of Mary, that He came into the world, was made flesh, was crucified to save sinners, that he rose again from the dead, ascended into heaven, ever liveth to make intercession for us, and will come again at the end of the world to judge the quick and the dead, I ask you to kneel and repeat with me the prayer which he taught us."

All knelt but one, and thus gave evidence of a real unity of faith and hope and charity among Christians, however they may be divided and scattered by human creeds and controversies. —Exchange.

*A DESTRUCTIVE CRITIC OF 1907.

(To the Reader of 1907.

Dear Brother: Although interested in the able writings of the higher critics of 1907, especially in their assumption of having discovered something valuable, as if the "historical method" were new in studying the Bible, I confess I became somewhat drowsy under their monotonous efforts to make the sacred writings seem to abound in misstatements. But I gradually absorbed their genius and spirit, and seemed to become a destructive critic, though calling myself a higher critic.

While in this state of mind, sleepy though I was, I seemed to live rapidly through the centuries, century after century, until I found myself moving among scholars who dated their letters with the numerals, 2, 9, 0, 7.

On seeming to be roused from a semi-consciousness, and supposing that a thousand years had passed from the time I fell asleep under the dreary chanting about the mistakes of the Bible, I seemed to be walking among the fancied alcoves of my library, now increased by the additions of a thousand years, and coming across the following correspondence I give you the letters, believing that it may be interesting to the reader to observe how the reasoning of the future destructive critic (writing in 1907 of our times in the spirit in which the destructive critic of 1907 writes of Bible times) will make the conditions of our generation to appear.

If we of the year 1907 know something of the conclusions of the learned gentleman of 1907 to be false, whose letters I now reveal, or if his modes of reasoning are absurd, or if he lays stress on insufficient data in his logic, or, especially, if he is ludicrously given to denying the statements of eye-witnesses to the facts which we of our time know to be true, these faults must not be attributed to me: for I copy the letters and publish them exactly as I found them a thousand years before they were written.

J. J. Summerbell.)

Dayton, Ohio.

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NINETEENTH LETTER.

Kinkade, New Zealand, 15, 4, 2908.
My Dear Grandson,

In the ruins of the great public library at Boston, in the province of Massachusetts, located on the eastern side of the continent, where the heat of 1957 had not been so great, I found fragments of a popular periodical published a thousand years ago, which throw much light on the religious theories of that age. These fragments were scattered over different years, and therefore represent the opinions of the editor more fairly than if they had been in a single issue, which might have been merely the product of a temporary influence.

In some of my previous letters I proved to you that the Americans of 1907 worshipped the Roman gods, Jupiter, Juno and Venus, and intimated that I would prove to you still more widespread idolatry.

The periodical I allude to above was the "Independent", of New York City; the city in which the combats of bulls and bears took place, to which I referred in my tenth letter to you. The editor of this periodical was William Hayes Ward, D. D., LL. D., one of the most distinguished advocates of the higher criticism of that age. He was a renowned theologian, litterateur, Assyriologist (had even led an expedition to that land), botanist, and ecclesiastic; an eminently representative man. In fact, he was the chairman of the committee on Christian union of the denomination called Congregationalist, which about that time as the histories record, was seeking to effect denominational consolidation with three other religious bodies: —the Christians, the Methodist Protestants, and the United Brethren. Even if the histories are not true, their statement of the leadership of Dr. Ward shows that he was a very prominent and representative man. As nearly as we can gather, the Christians dropped out of the negotiations very early, because the other bodies demanded a dogmatic statement of belief; but the negotiations continued for years between the other bodies, Dr. Ward being kept in his chairmanship. Hence, we have a right, by the historical method, to consider his belief to be representative of the denomination named. The fact that the histories of that time make no mention that any of the denominations involved antagonized Dr. Ward's views as to the gods, as made known in his periodical, shows that the worship of the Roman divinities must have been tolerated by the so-called Christian denominations in that barbarous age. In looking over the remaining fragments of his pa-

per. I found one poem with the title, "Laus Diis," by Clarence Umy, in an October issue, of 1903, page 2,575. This title, "Laus Diis," as you know, means praise to the gods. It shows that the poet had not attained to the knowledge of one God, although Christianity had been preached by the Pilgrim Fathers. The poem itself confirms the inference suggested by the title, and begins and ends with the exclamation, "The gods be praised!" In the whole poem there is no allusion to the true God. My reasoning shows that the denominations involved probably "praised the gods". Possibly some of them were gods honored by the Mound Builders. (By analogous reasoning, my grandson, the higher critics of 1907 showed that the Hebrews of the time of the judges did not know of one God.)

In vain, for a time, did I search the columns of the periodical, to find the editor's opinion on the subject of "praise to the gods." I found much evidence that he accepted the conclusions of the higher critics as to such portions of the Bible as were at his command. (And this I will reveal to you in my next letter, with the connected evidence that he could not have had the whole Bible, as we now have it; or he would not have made the mistakes he did. But now I will only show you how he loved the gods.) He made no comment, in the issue in which the poem, "Laus Diis," appeared; no comment whatever. However, I found another poem, by Lewis Worthington Smith, in the "Independent" of April 23, 1903, who had evidently abandoned the praise of the Roman gods. Whether he had accepted Christianity does not appear clearly; but probably not, for he manifests an affection for the Roman gods that is entirely incompatible with Christianity, and a decided longing for the decaying idolatry. His ode is as follows:—

Threnody.

On slopes of Helicon the sunlight falls;
The purple distance is a misty veil;
The far off wonder to my spirit calls:
The forms of dreams are thronging
coldly pale,
But Pan, sweet Pan, along the reedy
hollows
Awakes no more the music rapture
follows.
The dryads of the wood with echoed
laughter
No longer to his pipe come trooping after.
From grove and stream the fairy-soul
has fled;
The ancient gods are dead, sweet Pan
is dead.
Would I could hear some Trinton's silver
horn,
See Aphrodite rising from the foam;

Or look upon Olympus while the morn
In golden glory floods the starry dome!
No more Minerva, grown divinely tender,
Upon Ulysses bends her eyes of splendor.
No more the suppliant before them
No more the suppliant before them
falters.

The Nereids have sought the ocean bed;
The ancient gods are dead, sweet Pan
is dead.

Platea's soil is sacred as of old;

In Salamis the white spray flashes
still;

But never more in prophecy is told

Apollo's promise or dark Hera's will.
The winds may pluck the reeds for music
mellow,

Or buoyant lift some song-bird's throat
of yellow;

But not again the god's deft fingers
straying

Shall charm the fawns and dryads with
his playing.

My steps from sea to hight are longing-
led;

The ancient gods are dead; sweet Pan
is dead.

It is evident that Mr. Smith, if he had adopted Christianity, still looked with longing to communion with the Roman and Greek gods. This is somewhat mysterious, considering that the Mound Builders did not adore the Roman gods, and that the Pilgrim Fathers were very strenuous for the tenets of Protestant religion. But I cannot stop now to solve that mystery, seeing that I set out to show you the position of Dr. Ward. I can only say that it indicates clearly that the people of America, among the educated classes, were reluctantly giving up their false gods; lamenting that they were dead.

Nineteenth Letter continued next week.

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A SERIOUS BUSINESS.

This matter of our church, and the gospel, and eternal life is not one of mere leisure and pastime: there is a solemn importance to it, an everlasting weight about it which makes sober and sane folks know it is a business. Our Savior marked His words, and under stood their measure, when He said, "I must be about my Father's business." That is it, a business. Nothing less than that will weigh, or is worthy.

One thinks the preacher hasn't much business? His work is sundry diversions, among them to deliver a discourse once, or mayhap twice per week? Well, dear heart, your soul is here in deep and direful error. The preacher not much business? If he be worth while (and otherwise we shall not name him) his is the most sound, searching and serious business you shall ever know about. He carries upon his two shoulders, and his heavy heart, his and his Father's business. The faults, frailties and failings of his fellow man harrow up his mind and engage the energy and effort of his anxious soul. That men do not love the church more and serve God better invoke his sacrifice and challenge his solicitude. No business? He is about his Father's business, the weightiest matters that you and I shall know about.

One thinks that the Gospel may be heard and heeded, or unheard and unheeded, as pleasure and leisure and pastime may dictate? In all this world dear heart, your soul shall never hear a weightier matter, a worthier measure, than this of the Gospel. It has to do with your Here, nay, verily, with your eternal Hereafter also. It is explaining to you the weight and worth of all life—its mysteries, miracles and measures. Hearing the gospel in leisure? Forsooth,

you shall never give mind to a mightier matter than this. It is that which calls to the one business of life. This is that which calls you to be about your Master's business. All other themes but the Gospel's are but playthings and pastimes. Somewhere, sometime, you and I and all shall know that this is so. Other things and themes teach us "how to make a living"; this theme of the Gospel tells and teaches us "how to live a life." Pastime indeed. This is the one theme about which all men should have business and be in earnest—this Gospel measure and message.

No time, no leisure, no privilege, by day or night to read your Bible? None, indeed? Well, these days are God's. These evenings and nights are His. And in the gift of them to you there is no time to read His Word, learn his way, hear His voice? You will do this at leisure or as pastime? When you can work no more, play and pleasure no more, then a passing leisure only, say once a week, to the reading and studying of God's Word? In very sooth this is treating lightly a great matter. For never while life lasts, under the cover of book, on the printed page, nor from the lips and voice of mortals will you have or catch a better and weightier word than this the Bible gives. In all the realm of thought and speech and learning you will find no utterance as worthy and no sound as searching as this from the Word of God. And yet this is to be no business, only leisure, pleasure or pastime? A soul sensible of its own best needs and demands will not act in such wise. Reading the Bible is indeed a business that every one can afford to attend to—every one who is wise and would work for weal and wealth will attend to.

The preachers and the women and the children look after church and Sabbath and such; and let the men attend to other and more serious business? Under heaven then the men are engaged in the weaker work, for in all this life, nay, in all the life to come, mortals shall not, they cannot give themselves to any weightier and more serious business than this of church and sabbath and the soul's welfare. Be it done by women or weaklings, the weightiest work under the sun, the most serious business of man is this of attending to his church, the Gospel, the Word of God and the welfare of his own soul.

In deepest thought our Savior was right. This of our Father's is a business—the real business of life.

Onida (Louisa de la Ramee) famous novelist, author of "Under Two Flags," died at Florence, Italy, Jan. 25, in distressing want and poverty.

BECOMING SPIRITUAL.

It is no small matter, nor of easy attainment, to become spiritually minded. We shall not come to that in an hour, nor in a day. No man attains in a day that which is worthy of a life's best aims and efforts. By penitence, prayer, pains and patience does one come to be spiritually minded—have deep spiritual discernment.

All things on the business side come in this way. God's work is a free gift; man's is through the travail and labor of his soul. Put it this way: Spirituality on the divine side is a gift, on the human side it is a growth. It is a process of becoming; a development of deeds and doing, "Not every one that saith unto me Lord, Lord, but he that doeth the will of my Father," is a scripture that leaps to the mind here. And another is, "Those who do His will shall know the doctrine."

We shall not assume to ourselves any more that we are superior in spiritual things to our brother. That assumption is based on the tacit declaration that, "It is the practice of my life, and has been so for years to live closer to God than my brother lives; and I do more for God than he does and I have more heaven in my soul every day than he does." All God's gifts are free and full; but spirituality is not a gift, it is a growth. The forgiveness of sins is a gift; grace is a gift; justification is a gift. God does that. To employ the means of grace, to use the possibilities and realize the joys of justification, to live a life of truth and righteousness after sins have been forgiven, that is the human side which requires constant care, daily prayer, oft repeated devotions and continued sacrifice and service in the Master's vineyard.

To have our sins forgiven may, by the will of God, be accomplished in a moment; but to become a saint is another matter which requires, not only the gift of God, but the growth in grace. The full grown ear does not leap in a day upon the stalk, even though that stalk be full and vigorous and whole.

Bring it before our minds in this fashion. You and I know the saints of God. We do not mistake them on the farm or in the market-place. They have been oft and long at the place of prayer. Through the years they have loved their church and served their God. The prayer meeting is precious to them. The gospel message is their benediction. Their Bible is well worn with finger prints, much handling and frequent reading. They love their preacher; attend upon the sanctuary, and seek the service in the house of worship.

These have spiritual discernment. These are spiritually minded. These have attained and are constantly attaining unto the high and holy things of God. And it is worth a life, and more effort, praise and sacrifice than we shall ever offer, to come by the grace and gift of God, into that estate. We should constantly strive toward God if we would come at last to walk with God. And this, under grace, is the privilege of all.

SUFFOLK LETTER.

Peter F. Duke was born in Nansemond County, Va., July 12, 1849, and died at Hobgood, N. C., Dec. 13, 1907. His parents were Francis T. and Emeline E. Duke. He was one of four children and only his sister, Sarah Rebecca Duke, survives him. His mother was half sister to Col. A. Savage. After the death of her first husband, Mrs. Duke married Jackson Raby by whom she was the mother of seven children all of whom are living and three of whom are married.

His remains were brought to the old homestead from which funeral services were conducted on Dec. 15th in the presence of old neighbors and friends. He had been married and had lost two children, and his wife died in 1883.

He made a profession of faith in Christ when young, wandered from the true path, as so many have done, and made new resolves again and again, and made better success of spiritual purpose in the last year. He had already bought a new suit and notified his people of his purpose to spend Christmas at home; but before that time he was called away, we hope to the home above. Many noble traits adorned his life. He had his faults; but he had, also, his good intentions and many friends. "Man looketh on the outward appearance, but the Lord looketh on the heart." I quoted this passage and his sister replied instantly; "Well, if that is so, he is all right; for I know he was right at heart. He meant to do right, and tried to do right. And he told me the last time I saw him that he was trusting in Jesus."

What is left to us when loved ones die? Nothing but hope. This hope is an anchor to the soul in the time of storm. Peace to the ashes that rest in the family graveyard! The grave is so cold, so silent; but Jesus robbed "death of its sting and the grave of its victory."

Mrs. Richard Peel was born Aug. 27, 1839, and died December 27, 1907. Her maiden name was Camilla Thomas Goodson and she had one brother.

The funeral services were conducted from Providence Methodist church, near her home, although she was a member of

Bethlehem Christian church which was some four miles away. Her pastor, Rev. H. H. Butler, spoke tenderly of her virtues as a woman, and value as a member of the church. It was pitiful to see her husband in the throes of grief, as he is left alone in the world. None but those who sit amid the shadows of bereavement know what it means to bury wife and then go back to the place which her presence has made home. Solitary grief is the worst of all. Nothing but faith in God and hope in the future can mitigate such solitude and such sorrow.

Such is life. It opens in the glow of a roseate morning and declines toward shadows and night; but beyond the night of gloom is another morning without clouds, and a day without end. Toward that eternal day we are moving as steadily as the march of the stars and the passing centuries.

Much has been thought, said, and written about the 1907 panic. The prosperity, which many believed would be continuous, was checked in a day; and, although many high in authority have told us that it was temporary, and conditions already improved, yet business moves slowly and capital is cautious. It is not so easy to borrow money as it was last year, and securities are still low on the market. It is true that most real articles maintain prices, but the representative values are weak in price and demand. What is to be the outcome of this sudden halt? What is its meaning and its lesson? It will reduce business to saner methods and safer plans. Speed had taken possession of American life. Not only trains and automobiles, horses and men, but business and social life were going too fast. The fast young man almost vanished in the fast age. God could destroy the universe by increasing the speed of worlds. It is the safe schedule in stellar orbs that gives balance and security to the universe of worlds. All lines of human life must find a saner and safer schedule for business, for social intercourse, for political progress, and religious worship. This check will help to bring all things to normal movement.

Besides this, the moral effect will bring help to the coming generation. The young did not even know that "hard times" would or could come again. Their plans, their expenditures, their ideals, all took shape under this tie-up, this money stringency, this ental economy, the pressure of fact and more real satisfaction, than from any year in ten.

W. W. Staley.

That is an analytic and searching article by Dr. J. J. Summerbell in this

issue on "Some Prayers." The doctor drives to the mark and puts a page in a column. Be sure to read, not only read but think upon, "Some Prayers."

A POINT IN QUESTION.

In a Christian Endeavor meeting at Elon College last Sunday night, the subject under discussion being Home Missions, Prof. W. A. Harper, a close observer of men and events, called attention to a fact that we doubt if many have thought on much. This:

When a church undertakes self improvement, buys a new organ, puts in new pews, repairs its place of worship it will frequently ask to be relieved, on that account, of conference apportionments. If, however, that church increases, voluntarily, its contributions to foreign missions, makes a larger offering than is asked of conference, it does not on that account ask to be relieved of any conference need, request or claims. In short a church that gives largely to foreign missions may be counted on always to do its work in all other directions, at least in financial directions.

There is an unselfishness in giving to foreign missions that reacts, in a most marked way, upon a church and community. Center interest in self and the results are disappointing in the final. Center interest in others and results in the final are most plausible and surprising.

If you wish to build up the finances of a church get it interested in the cause of foreign missions, and the interest will come. We may not be able to reason and figure this out, but observation shows it to be true, nevertheless.

We are inclined to think that Prof. Harper's position, here briefly and inadequately stated, is both plausible and tenable.

Rev. and Mrs. D. P. Barrett sailed from New York January 18, for their field of labor in Porto Rico after having spent some time in the States on furlough.

Please do not send any more orders for the 1908 Annuals. The supply is already exhausted—in less than two weeks from the time they were ready—and we have already had to return some orders. We trust all subscribers received their copies promptly. We are grateful to all that the supply was so quickly called for. If the forms were not torn down we would get out two or three hundred more—but it is too late.

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We will very soon give a statement of the expenses of the orphanage by departments—as "living"—including food and clothing etc., this we think will be of interest to the general public.

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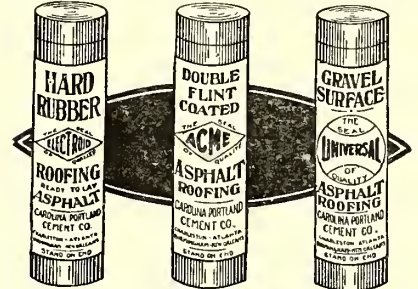
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First Quarter, Lesson V, February 2, 1908. Jesus the Savior of the World.
John, 3:1—21.

Golden Text. "For God so loved the world that he gave his only begotten Son, that whosoever believeth on him should not perish, but have everlasting life," John 3:16.

This lesson is an epitome of the gospel. The golden text is a concise statement of the blessed scheme of redemption. It is:

I The Grand Design Contemplated By God.

That men might not perish but have everlasting life."

(1) Man's perishing state implied. This is abundantly established by other statements of Scripture "By one man sin entered into the world and death by sin." All men are naturally in unbelief, therefore children of wrath, and condemned already. Man's perishing state includes:

a) The tendency of the body to dissolution. "Appointed unto all men once to die" "Dust thou art and unto dust shalt thou return."

(b) The resurrection of the body by soul. Dead in trespasses and sin, image of God defaced. Power of the mind alienated from God. Results, restlessness and misery.

(c) The exposure of the soul to the bitter pains of eternal death. "The soul that sinneth shall die."

2—What God contemplated in the scheme of redemption.

(a) Restoration of the soul to the life and image of God.

(b) The resurrection of the body by the power and in the likeness of Christ.

(c) A title to meetness for the enjoyment of eternal life in the world to come.

II The Means by which God executed This Glorious Design.

He gave his only begotten Son. Though he assumed the form of a servant, yet he thought it not robbery to be equal with God.

1 The end for which he gave him.

To magnify the law, to reveal the doctrines of the gospel, to be the example of his people—to shed his blood as a ransom for sin—to rise again for the justification of sinners and to be the ever living advocate of his church.

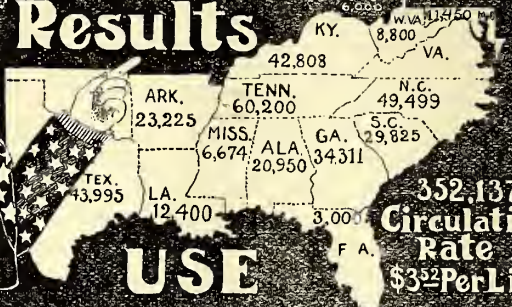
2—The persons for whom he gave him.

"The world"—"And to testify that the Father sent the Son to be the Savior of the world," "And he is the propitiation for our sins, and not for ours only, but also for the sins of the whole world."

III The Mode by which Men receive



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IV The Great Cause of God's Gift to the World.

"God so loved the world."

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G. W. T.

DIED.

Howell.

Mrs. Jerusha Howell, widow of the late Wm. Howell of R., departed this life at the home of her daughter, Mrs. R. H. Reidel, Holland, Va., Jan. 19, 1908, aged 75 years and four days. The funeral services were conducted by the writer at Holland Christian church and the remains placed in the family plot in Holland cemetery. Mrs. Howell leaves two brothers, Luther and Joseph Rawls, the latter of Enterprise, Ala., six children, Elisha W. Howell, Mrs. Mariah West, Chas. A. Howell of Hatchbend, Fla., Mrs. Bettie M. Riedel, Mrs. Lula M. Jones, of Lumber City, Ga., and Mrs. Sallie C. Duke; 21 grandchildren, and one great grand child. She was a member of Holy Neck Christian church and lived a quiet humble christian life. She was always weakly, but ministered faithfully to her loved ones till declining years prevented and then she was lovingly ministered to by them. We extend our sympathy to all the bereaved family, and pray that the blessings of our Heavenly Father may ever rest upon them.

N. G. Newman.

Joyner.

Joshua T. Joyner died Dec. 27, 1907, aged 27 years. He had been a sufferer many months with lung trouble, which

gradually grew worse till the end. His funeral was conducted from the home, near Pretlow, Va. May God bless and comfort the widowed mother, and brothers and sisters.

C. H. Rowland.

Rountree.

The infant son of Mr. and Mrs. John Rountree was fatally burned on Dec. 15, 1907, by falling into a ham boiler of boiling water. He lived only a few hours after the accident. The funeral services were conducted from the home by the writer. We commend the bereaved ones to Him who "gathereth the lambs with his arms, and carrieth them in his bosom."

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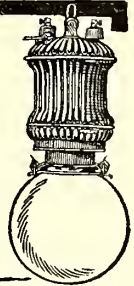
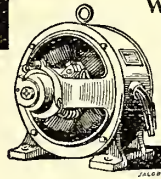
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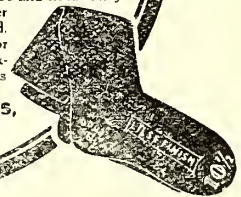
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Mr. Fitch is one of Burlington's clever gentlemen, and in winning the hand of Miss. Beckum, he has won the hand of a most excellent and amiable young lady. I extend best wishes for their success and happiness.

P. H. Fleming.

Lassiter-Taylor.

Jan. 15th, Miss Maggie E. Taylor became the bride of Mr. George S. Lassiter, both of Gates county. Miss Maggie is the attractive and accomplished daughter of Mr. and Mrs. D. P. Taylor. Mr. Lassiter is the son of A. A. Lassiter and is an industrious and successful farmer. Immediately after the ceremony the happy couple went to their future home, where a sumptuous reception was tendered the bridal party and a few near relatives and friends. The writer wishes that the lives of this couple may be as bright and beautiful as the glad day upon which they were united.

Jesse M. Roberts.

Sumbury, N. C.

DIED.

Yonker.

Sister Lottie E. Yonker, the beloved wife of Brother R. H. Yonker, Little Orleans, Md., was born Dec. 5, 1860, and departed this life Jan. 13, 1908, being 47 years, one month and nine days old. In early years she made a profession of faith in Christ and became a Christian. Three years ago she reconsecrated herself to the cause of Christ and remained faithful and steadfast till death. She was a brave soldier of the Cross and fought the good fight with courage and with ultimate triumph. She died as she had lived, with implicit faith and trust in God and went home to see and to be with Him whom in life she had loved and in death she doubted not. God bless her memory. She was a faithful member of Bell Grove Christian Church. The burial took place Jan. 16. May a loving Father keep and comfort the bereaved ones, and lead them safely to that haven of rest.

A Friend.

Salmon.

Bedford Raynor Salmon, died Jan. 6th 1908, being 81 years 6 months and 25

days of age.

He was a member of Shallow Well Christian church for about 30 years.

He leaves a wife, four daughters and other relatives and friends to mourn their loss. The funeral services were conducted by Rev. K. A. McLeod of Jonesboro, N. C., his body laid to rest in the Shallow Well cemetery to await the resurrection morn.

May God's grace support the bereaved ones.

J. W. Patton.

Phillips.

At his home, Tenth Legion, Va., Jan. 13, Jno. P. Phillips, aged 58 years. Deceased had been a consistent member of the United Brethren Church for about 40 years. He was a great sufferer with rheumatism for the last six years. His death was the result of a cold, contracted a week before, which developed into pneumonia. Left to mourn his departure are his companion, two sons, Elmer and Otis, and one daughter, Mrs. Vergie Good. The funeral services were conducted from Mountain Valley United Brethren Church by the writer assisted by Rev. A. V. Vandersmith, his pastor. May the Lord comfort and bless the bereaved.

W. T. Walters.

Farrell.

Brother Cebon Farrell, an humble and meek man of God, who had been a devoted member of Hank's Chapel for many years, was laid away in the church cemetery the first day of this year to await the morning of the resurrection. He had been a great sufferer for several months, but waited patiently to the end. He was nearly 80 years of age. He left a wife, five daughters and four sons to mourn their loss. May God bless the absence of this husband and father to the good of all his loved ones. I was not able to be present at his burial. Bro. S. M. Holt conducted the burial service.

Green.

Brother Green, the oldest member of Parks Cross Roads, has gone to his spiritual home since my last appointment. He was between 80 and 90 years old. He was a man of intelligence, of a remarkable memory, and devoted to his church. For many years his hearing was so deficient that he did not enjoy preaching as much as in other years. He was a militia officer of the home guard in the late civil war. He was a splendid farmer and a good citizen. His son Tommie is our efficient Sunday-school superintendent at Park's. Old Father Green leaves several children and many friends to mourn their loss.

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Some prayers are "offered" in public to get the respect of an audience; not as showing off, but because the speaker desires the sympathy of the audience and seeks it indirectly by saying things as if to God, that that he could not say directly to the people.

Reading a paryer may sometimes be a prayer, because the reader or a hearer is drawn by the language into a reverent or prayerful spirit. But it is better to pray for what you need, as you see it, than for what you need according to the opinion of some other human being.

Some prayers are "offered" to induce the hearers to better things.

Some prayers are little better than dictation to God, or a body of valuable instruction to Him.

The prayer that is a cry of penitence is seldom offered in public; even when it takes the form of a confession of congregational sin.

Some prayers are offered to the wrong person.

Sometimes a petitioner will "say" his old prayer, while thinking of something else, I am not certain that this is irreverence, or that God will be angry with it; but the petitioner loses much of the benefit of even the form of devotion by his inattention; and the petition produces on the will and heart of God none of that special prayer-effect, which is so near to the creative in its power over human destinies.

Private, personal prayers, in which there is nothing common for hearers, should not be "made" in public.

Every pastor, before he "makes" his prayer, the "regular" prayer, should meditate on it. This is not wrong. His prayer should even be prepared. It is more important, if a true prayer, than is his sermon. The sermon, if correct, is instruction and exhortation; teaching and call. But the prayer should get all to worshiping. A church building is not a school-house, but a house of God and gate to heaven. It is a place where angels should ascend and descend; and where philosophers are no more needed than mocking-birds. And the preacher should pray for something the people need; he should desire it enough to remember what he has prayed for, after he has said "amen"; and he should de-

sire it enough to try to get it, and not leave the whole labor to God.

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If at night you can truly say
You've done one kindly deed, dear,

Or smoothed some rugged way.

Never a day is dark, dear,

Where the sunshine of home may fall
And where the sweet home voices

May answer when you call.

Never a day is sad, dear,

If it brings at set of sun

A kiss from mother's lips, dear,

And a thought of work well done.

—Our Young Folks.

WHAT'S THE USE?

By Paul L. Dunbar.

What's the use o' folks a-frownin'
When the way's a little rough?
Frowns lay out the way for wrinkles—
You'll be wrinkled soon enough.

What's the use?
What's the use o' folks a-sighin'?
It's an awful waste o' breath,
An' a body can't stand wastin'
What he needs so much in death.
What's the use?

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NEWS ITEMS.

According to the government's report issued Jan. 23, there had been ginned by Jan. 16, of the 1907 cotton crop 10,337,607 bails against 12,176,199 bales ginned to same date last year.

The lower house of the S. C. legislature has passed a bill making it a penalty of \$100. for any one to carry a pistol weighing less than twenty pounds. We are wondering how heavy gentlemen wish their pistols in South Carolina.

William James Bryan is the youngest man in the U. S. Senate, being only two years beyond the constitutional limit of thirty years old. He is from Florida and has just taken the oath of office as successor of the late senator Stephen R. Mallory.

The fiercest mid-winter storm that has swept the Atlantic in many years was that of last Friday. The Princess Anne of the Old Dominion line sailing from Norfolk to New York was driven from her course and with great difficulty went into the New York port twenty four hours late. Other vessels suffered a like or worse fate.

Mr. Henry Blount of Wilson N. C., who has been on the lecture platform in this state longer than any man we have known, and addressed more audiences in this and other states than any lecturer in the state we presume, delighted, entertained and amused an Elon College audience last Thursday evening. The Ladies Aid Society secured him and realized a neat sum from the lecture. Henry Blount always entertains, makes you forget your troubles and charms you with his wonderful flow of delightful words and fluent phrases.

Miss Gladys Vanderbilt, youngest daughter of Mr. Cornelius Vanderbilt, and one of the richest of American heiresses was married last Monday at noon to Count Lasyio Jenő Maria Henric Simon Szenchenyi, a "Hungarian nobleman of ancient lineage and comfortable fortune"—but with a most uncomfortable name. Miss Vanderbilt has \$12,000,000 in her own right, but she evidently gets the worth of it if length and difficulty of a name was what she was after.

The State Sunday School Convention meets April 7—9 in its 25th annual session in the Christian church at Burlington. Pastor P. H. Fleming is one of the vice-presidents of the body, also a member of the Executive Committee and also of the Program Committee. The Burlington people may be counted upon to care for the Convention in royal fashion and Bro. Fleming, interested always in the great Sunday-school cause, will give the glad welcome to the Sunday-school workers of the State.

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